In The Matter Of: TERRA FIRMA INVESTMENTS, et al. v. CITIGROUP, INC., et al.

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15:52:17 1	(Break taken.)
16:06:01 2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins videotape 4,
16:06:03 3	Volume I in the videotaped deposition of Karen Dolenec.
16:06:06 4	Going back on the record. The time is 16:06.
16:06:14 5	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:06:14 6	Q. You told me this morning that the summer of 2009
16:06:27 7	you worked briefly on a project relating to EMI. Do you
16:06:35 8	recall that?
16:06:35 9	A. Yes, I do.
16:06:36 10	Q. Can you just tell me a little bit more. What were
16:06:40 11	you doing? What was your assignment?
16:06:49 12	A. It was to explore a possible bond transaction for
16:06:53 13	EMI Recorded Music.
16:07:08 14	Q. Did you have communications with anyone at Citi in
16:07:11 15	connection with that project?
16:07:16 16	A. I don't believe so.
16:07:27 17	Q. Who did you work with on that project?
16:07:30 18	A. Who did I work with at Terra Firma on that project?
16:07:35 19	To the best of my recollection I worked with Phillip Burns,
16:07:41 20	David Saunders. Other people who were doing roles that were
16:07:49 21	connected to what I was doing were Ruth Prior, Jade Moore,
16:07:54 22	Andrew Chad. Those are the people I can remember right now.
16:08:06 23	Q. The acquisition of EMI closed at the end of
16:08:09 24	August 2007, right?
16:08:12 25	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.

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	16:08:13	1	A. If you say so. I have no reason to disagree with
	16:08:16	2	you.
	16:08:17	3	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
	16:08:18	4	Q. After the acquisition have you had any dealings
	16:08:20	5	with anyone at Citigroup relating in any way to EMI?
	16:08:27	6	A. I don't believe so.
	16:08:29	7	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
	16:08:31	8	Q. Do you know someone named Ian Cockerill?
	16:08:40	9	A. The name sounds familiar, but I don't know him.
	16:08:43	10	Q. To the best of your knowledge have you ever had any
	16:08:47	11	communications with Mr. Cockerill?
	16:08:50	12	A. To the best of my knowledge, no.
	16:08:51	13	Q. Do you know a woman named Leslie Ling?
	16:08:55	14	A. The name is familiar but I do not know her.
	16:08:58	15	Q. To the best of your recollection have you ever had
	16:09:00	16	any communications with Leslie Ling?
ĺ	16:09:04	17	A. To the best of my knowledge, no.
ļ	16:09:06	18	Q. Do you know a man named Chad Leet?
l	16:09:10	19	A. Again, the name sounds familiar but I don't know
	16:09:12	20	him.
l	16:09:12	21	Q. To the best of your knowledge have you ever had any
l	16:09:15	22	communications with Mr. Leet?
	16:09:17	23	A. To the best of my knowledge, no.
	16:09:38	24	Q. Would you agree with the proposition that when
	16:09:41	25	Terra Firma buys a company the goal is to make money?
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16:09:49 1	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:09:54 2	A. The goal of Terra Firma Capital Partners is to
16:09:57 3	advise the GPs in transactions where we believe it will
16:10:01 4	be where we believe we will be doing we will be acting
16:10:07 5	in the best interests of investors in those funds.
16:10:12 6	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:10:13 7	Q. Isn't their best interest to make money?
16:10:17 8	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:10:17 9	A. At a very high level we would be seeking to make
16:10:22 10	returns on the funds that they have invested with us.
16:10:31 11	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:10:31 12	Q. And the returns that come from different private
16:10:35 13	equity investments vary from deal to deal, right?
16:10:41 14	A. That's correct.
16:10:43 15	Q. And in your experience what are some of the factors
16:10:46 16	that determine the return on a private equity investment?
16:10:54 17	A. Are you talking about generally speaking?
16:10:57 18	Q. Yes, based on your experience in the industry.
16:11:00 19	A. Based on my experience in the industry factors that
16:11:02 20	impact the returns that one makes on an investment are a
16:11:07 21	wide variety of factors but including the price at which
16:11:13 22	you've acquired the investment, the price at which you can
16:11:16 23	sell the investment at, financing conditions along the way,
16:11:21 24	whether or not you were able to re-finance along the way.
16:11:27 25	Those are then in turn impacted by a number of other issues.

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	16:11:35	1	Q. Could you give me some examples?
	16:11:37	2	A. Examples are factors that would impact those other
	16:11:40	3	factors that I mentioned earlier?
	16:11:42	4	Q. Yes.
	16:11:43	5	A. Okay. So the price at which you can sell a
	16:11:46	6	business for would be based on the performance the
	16:11:54	7	historical performance of the company. The future prospects
	16:11:59	8	of the company. The historical and future prospects of the
	16:12:04	9	industry overall. The financial wherewithal of potential
	16:12:07	10	buyers. What other opportunities those potential buyers
	16:12:13	11	might have for investing their capital. What the financing
	16:12:16	12	markets look like. What sort of debt financing is
	16:12:19	13	available. The level of interest rates. The alternative
	16:12:30	14	sources of capital overall. What potential buyers feel
	16:12:35	15	about their own businesses and their own needs for cash
	16:12:38	16	going forward. Is that enough? Do you want me to continue?
	16:12:46	17	Q. Very helpful. Simply put, every deal is different,
	16:12:50	18	right?
	16:12:51	19	A. I would say that every deal has its own
	16:12:54	20	characteristics, yes.
	16:12:56	21	Q. And the factors that determine whether or not you
	16:13:03	22	make a particular return on deal A may or may not apply to
	16:13:09	23	deal B, right?
	16:13:12	24	A. The specific factors may very well be different.
	16:14:37	25	MR. BAUGHMAN: Let's take a two minute break.

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16:14:40 1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The time
16:14:42 2	is 16:14.
16:14:49 3	(Break taken.)
16:22:32 4	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on the record. The
16:22:33 5	time is 16:22.
16:22:35 6	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:22:37 7	Q. Ms. Dolenec, I'm going to hand you what I've marked
16:22:39 8	Exhibit 34. I will represent for the record that this is a
16:22:45 9	printout of the document that we've produced it's a
16:22:48 10	spreadsheet that was produced as Bates number TF635801.
16:22:54 11	(Exhibit 34 marked for identification.)
16:22:54 12	But when it prints out the Bates number doesn't
16:22:57 13	appear.
16:23:00 14	MR. SHERMAN: Okay.
16:23:00 15	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:23:00 16	Q. My first question is, have you ever seen that
16:23:03 17	before?
16:23:03 18	A. No, I have not.
16:23:05 19	Q. Do you know what it is?
16:23:11 20	A. No.
16:23:12 21	Q. Have you ever seen documents like that at
16:23:14 22	Terra Firma stored in the ordinary course of business?
16:23:22 23	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:23:27 24	A. I haven't seen this exact document to the best of
16:23:29 25	my recollection, but it appears to be a document that's

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16:23:35	tracking the results of various investments so I have seen
16:23:43	that sort of document before.
16:23:47	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:23:48	Q. At the top it says the first line says "Fund"
16:23:53	and then across the top at least of the first page it says,
16:23:57	"TFCP 1"? What is TFCP 1?
16:24:03	A. TFCP 1 would in this context probably be the legacy
16:24:08	portfolio that we had with Nomura.
16:24:28	Q. What do I call it? Is it fair to call it TFCP 1?
16:24:33 1	Is that the fund?
16:24:33 1	A. That's what we call it, I believe, in our marketing
16:24:36 1	materials.
16:24:36 1	Q. As far as you know is TFCP 1 involved in this
16:24:39 1	lawsuit in any way?
16:24:43 1	A. Not to the best of my knowledge.
16:24:49 1	Q. And then if you read across the top some of it says
16:24:56 1	"Realised" and then if you keep going, later on it will say
16:25:00 1	"Partially Realised" for some. Do you see that?
16:25:07 1	A. Yes, I do.
16:25:08 2	Q. Do you have an understanding of what the difference
16:25:10 2	between a realized investment and a partially realized
16:25:14 2	investment is at Terra Firma?
16:25:16 2	A. My understanding of that terminology is that
16:25:20 2	realized means that that investment has been completely sold
16:25:25 2	and partially realized means that there has been some return

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16:25:30	1	on the original investment but still a remaining stake in
16:25:34	2	that business.
16:25:42	3	Q. The first one here I'm now at the next line
16:25:45	4	down. It refers to Phoenix Inns. Do you know what
16:25:50	5	Phoenix Inns was?
16:25:56	6	MR. SHERMAN: What was the verb? Phoenix Inns
16:25:56	7	"was" or "is"?
16:25:56	8	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:25:56	9	Q. Was or is. What's Phoenix Inns? Was that a
16:25:58	10	transaction done at Nomura?
16:26:02	11	A. Phoenix Inns was an investment in a pub company.
16:26:07	12	Q. That was made in 1995?
16:26:09	13	A. I don't know.
16:26:12	14	Q. Was it the purchase of a company?
16:26:24	15	MR. SHERMAN: Was what the purchase of a company?
16:26:26	16	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:26:26	17	Q. Was the Phoenix Inns transaction the purchase of a
16:26:29	18	company?
16:26:33	19	A. I'm not entirely sure what it was in terms of the
16:26:39	20	exact legal structure. It was a portfolio of pubs, but it
16:26:42	21	may have been more than one company.
16:26:44	22	Q. Do you know if those were acquired in an auction
16:26:47	23	situation?
16:26:49	24	A. I do not know.
16:26:55	25	Q. Was the structure of the Phoenix Inns transaction

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16:26:58	1	in any way similar to the EMI transaction?
16:27:08	2	A. I'm not familiar with how the Phoenix Inns
16:27:10	3	transaction was structured nor am I particularly familiar
16:27:13	4	with how the EMI transaction is structured so I'm not sure
16:27:17	5	specifically what you're asking.
16:27:24	6	Q. The next one says Angel Trains. Do you know what
16:27:26	7	Angel Trains is?
16:27:30	8	A. Angel Trains was what's called a rosco here which
16:27:34	9	is a train leasing company.
16:27:38	10	Q. And was that was the rosco trains transaction
16:27:43	11	the purchase of a business?
16:27:44	12	A. Was it the purchase of a business?
16:27:46	13	Q. Yeah or a company?
16:27:50	14	A. Again, I'm not sure. I know it involved purchasing
16:27:52	15	a portfolio of trains. I don't know what the exact legal
16:27:55	16	structure was of that transaction.
16:28:00	17	Q. Are you aware of any similarities between the
16:28:02	18	Angel Trains transaction and the EMI transaction?
16:28:09	19	A. Well, they were both investments made by the same
16:28:13	20	investment team so they would have shared some underlying
16:28:16	21	characteristics but I wasn't intimately involved or
16:28:19	22	I wasn't involved at all in Angel Trains and I, hopefully
16:28:23	23	you've discovered, wasn't particularly involved in the EMI
16:28:27	24	transaction either.
16:28:34	25	Q. AT&T pardon me. I think the next one says

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16:28:38	T&TA L	. Do you know what that was?
16:28:41	2	A. I believe that stands for AT&T Capital.
16:28:50	3	Q. That was the purchase of a company or purchase of a
16:28:52	4 busin	ess?
16:28:53	5	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:28:54	6	A. I don't know.
16:28:55	7 BY ME	. BAUGHMAN:
16:28:55	8	Q. Do you know if that was purchased in an auction
16:28:57	9 situa	tion?
16:28:57 1	10	A. No, I do not.
16:28:58 1	11	Q. Do you know how many bidders there were for that
16:29:00 1	l2 compa	ny?
16:29:01 1	13	A. I don't know how we came to acquire that
16:29:03 1	14 inves	tment.
16:29:08 1	15	Q. William Hill, that's a bookmaker?
16:29:11 1	16	A. Yes, it is.
16:29:15 1	17	Q. And do you know if that was acquired in an auction
16:29:17 1	18 situa	tion?
16:29:17 1	19	A. I do not know that.
16:29:21 2	20	Q. Based on your experience what are the similarities
16:29:27 2	21 betwe	en whether or not a bookmaker makes money and whether
16:29:31 2	22 or no	t a record company makes money?
16:29:37 2	23	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:29:46 2	24	A. That's quite a broad question. I don't know
16:29:48 2	25 speci	fically what you're asking.

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16:29:50	1	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:29:51	2	Q. Based on your experience in the private equity
16:29:54	3	industry, do you believe it's reasonable to use the returns
16:30:00	4	on a private equity investment in a bookmaker as a predictor
16:30:05	5	of private equity returns in a record company?
16:30:11	6	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:30:14	7	A. Well you're talking about investments that were
16:30:16	8	made by the same investment team. In the private equity
16:30:21	9	market potential investors in a private equity fund do look
16:30:27	10	at the previous track record of that particular group of
16:30:30	11	investors.
16:30:36	12	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:30:36	13	Q. Ever heard the phrase "past results are no
16:30:43	14	predictor of future performance"?
16:30:45	15	A. I have heard of that, yes.
16:30:47	16	Q. And that's something that Terra Firma tells
16:30:50	17	potential investors, isn't it?
16:30:52	18	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:30:53	19	A. I can imagine that we do have that as a disclaimer.
16:30:56	20	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:30:56	21	Q. And you agree that that's true, right?
16:31:03	22	A. Well, I agree that that's true because nothing is
16:31:06	23	really a guarantee of future performance.
16:31:19	24	Q. Hyder Plc. Do you know what Hyder was?
16:31:23	25	A. No.

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16:31:25 1	Q. Do you know anything about the structure of the
16:31:27 2	Hyder transaction?
16:31:28 3	A. I do not.
16:31:31 4	Q. Inn Partnership, do you know what that transaction
16:31:32 5	was?
16:31:34 6	A. That was a pub company.
16:31:35 7	Q. Do you know anything about the structure of that
16:31:37 8	transaction?
16:31:38 9	A. Not that I can immediately recall.
16:31:42 10	Q. Voyager, do you know what that transaction was?
16:31:49 11	A. That was a pub company as well.
16:31:50 12	Q. Do you know anything about the structure of that
16:31:51 13	transaction?
16:31:53 14	A. I probably know a little bit about it. It depends
16:31:55 15	on what you need to know about that structure.
16:32:00 16	Q. Can you identify for me any simularities between
16:32:03 17	the voyager transaction and the EMI transaction, other than
16:32:07 18	the people involved?
16:32:11 19	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:32:20 20	A. I'm a bit confused by your line of questioning.
16:32:23 21	Are you trying to understand what the strategic rationale is
16:32:27 22	for the various investments that have been made by the
16:32:30 23	Terra Firma Investments professionals historically and why
16:32:34 24	those specific investments have been made as part of a
16:32:36 25	generalist private equity fund?

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16:32:48	1	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:32:49	2	Q. No. I believe that you testified earlier that you
16:32:51	3	suspected that what this document showed was the returns
16:32:54	4	achieved on certain investments, right?
16:32:57	5	MR. SHERMAN: Objection: mischaracterizes.
16:33:01	6	A. I think what it looks like it shows are cash
16:33:04	7	inflows and cash outflows, or I think that's what it is. It
16:33:09	8	appears to me. I don't know. There aren't really any
16:33:12	9	labels.
16:33:28	10	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:33:28	11	Q. My question is here's what I'm trying to get at.
16:33:32	12	Is there any relationship between the cash inflows and
16:33:35	13	outflows shown in the column under Phoenix Inns and the cash
16:33:41	14	inflows and outflows shown under the column for
16:33:44	15	Angel Trains?
16:33:47	16	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:33:48	17	A. What do you mean by a relationship?
16:33:50	18	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:33:50	19	Q. Does one have anything to do with the other?
16:33:54	20	A. Well, for those two transactions they were I'm
16:33:59	21	assuming that they were funded by the same investor. Is
16:34:05	22	that a relationship?
16:34:42	23	Q. On the right is Thorn. Do you know what the Thorn
16:34:44	24	transaction was?
16:34:48	25	A. Not particularly.

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16:34:50	Q. If you go to the third page of the exhibit, the
16:34:55	next column is something called Unique. Do you know what
16:35:00	the Unique transaction was?
16:35:02	A. That was a portfolio of pubs.
16:35:07	Q. Thresher, do you know what the Thresher transaction
16:35:11	was?
16:35:11	A. That was a portfolio of off-license shops.
16:35:33	Q. Was the Thresher transaction a profitable
16:35:36	transaction for Terra Firma?
16:35:42 10	A. I can't specifically remember because I think it
16:35:45 13	was sold as part of a portfolio, but my general impression
16:35:50 12	overall is that it was not a particularly successful one.
16:36:01 13	Q. Do you know what some of the factors are that made
16:36:04 14	the Thresher transaction not successful?
16:36:10 15	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:36:11 16	A. At a very high level, not having been specifically
16:36:15 1	involved in the business, I believe that one of the
16:36:17 18	contributing factors was the increased competition from the
16:36:21 19	supermarkets.
16:36:25 20	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:36:25 23	Q. That would be a factor that would not apply to
16:36:28 22	anything having to do with EMI, right?
16:36:34 23	A. Well, I don't know. Supermarkets sell music.
16:36:38 24	Q. Is it your understanding that EMI is facing
16:36:40 25	competition from supermarkets?

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16:36:42	1	A. No, I'm just saying I don't know		
16:36:44	2	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.		
16:36:45	3	A. I don't know that much about the EMI business plan,		
16:36:47	4	but I'm not sure I could sit here today and say that		
16:36:49	5	supermarkets have nothing at all to do with EMI's business.		
16:36:55	6	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:		
16:36:55	7	Q. The next one here is Meridien. What was the		
16:36:59	8	Meridien transaction?		
16:37:01	9	A. Meridien was a portfolio of hotels.		
16:37:03	10	Q. Was that a profitable transaction for Terra Firma?		
16:37:06	11	A. Meridien was not a profitable transaction for		
16:37:09	12	Terra Firma.		
16:37:11	13	Q. Do you have any understanding of any of the reasons		
16:37:13	14	why Meridien was not a profitable transaction?		
16:37:18	15	A. Again, I was not intimately involved in the		
16:37:22	16	Meridien transaction. The Meridien transaction was made, as		
16:37:28	17	you can see here, in early 2001 and as you probably know the		
16:37:34	18	hotel industry went into a downturn, a severe downturn		
16:37:39	19	following September 11.		
16:37:45	20	Q. Deutsche Annington, what was that transaction?		
16:37:49	21	A. Deutsche Annington was initially a portfolio of		
16:37:53	22	residential houses in Germany.		
16:37:55	23	Q. Was that a profitable transaction for Terra Firma?		
16:38:01	24	A. We actually still manage a fund which has Deutsche		
16:38:08	25	Annington in it.		

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16:38:10 1	Q. At the top here it says realized?
16:38:14 2	A. Yes.
16:38:15 3	Q. So could you explain how it's listed as realized if
16:38:19 4	you still own it?
16:38:20 5	A. I assume the reason that it says realized is
16:38:23 6	because the Deutsche Annington transaction was originally
16:38:26 7	made when we were part of Nomura and when Deutsche
16:38:34 8	Annington basically my understanding of that transaction
16:38:37 9	is that Nomura sold part of its stake in Deutsche Annington
16:38:45 10	into a fund which Terra Firma Capital Partners still
16:38:49 11	advises?
16:38:50 12	Q. What is that fund, the buyer?
16:38:53 13	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:38:56 14	A. I believe it's
16:38:58 15	MR. SHERMAN: Withdraw the objection.
16:38:59 16	A. I believe it's called Terra Firma Deutsche
16:39:01 17	Annington.
16:39:02 18	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:39:02 19	Q. Was the Deutsche Annington transaction a profitable
16:39:06 20	transaction for Terra Firma Capital Partners 1?
16:39:10 21	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:39:13 22	A. I don't know.
16:39:22 23	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:39:23 24	Q. The next one under column 13 is HBS. Do you know
16:39:26 25	what the HBS transaction is?
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16:39:30	1	A. HBS stands for Hyder Business Services. I believe
16:39:33	2	it was some sort of government servicing business.
16:39:42	3	Q. Do you know whether that was a profitable
16:39:45	4	transaction for Terra Firma?
16:39:47	5	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:39:47	6	A. I believe HBS was sold in the same portfolio with
16:39:51	7	Thresher so I don't know the answer to your question.
16:39:55	8	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:39:56	9	Q. Are you aware of any do you have any
16:39:58	10	understanding of any particular factors that made the HBS
16:40:01	11	transaction a success or not a success?
16:40:07	12	A. Not particularly, no.
16:40:09	13	Q. Inntrepreneur. What was the Inntrepreneur
16:40:13	14	transaction?
16:40:13	15	A. Inntrepreneur was also a pub company.
16:40:17	16	Q. Was that a profitable transaction for Terra Firma?
16:40:19	17	A. I believe that it was.
16:40:20	18	Q. And do you have an understanding of any of the
16:40:29	19	factors that made that a profitable transaction?
16:40:39	20	A. Not specifically to that particular investment.
16:40:42	21	Q. You've been involved in several pub transactions,
16:40:45	22	right?
16:40:45	23	A. Yes.
16:40:46	24	Q. And the pub transactions have generally been
16:40:49	25	successful transactions for Terra Firma; correct?

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16:40:52	1	A. That's correct.
16:40:53	2	Q. Based on that experience can you identify for me
16:40:56	3	any of the factors that you believe contributed to the
16:40:58	4	success of the pub transactions?
16:41:02	5	A. To the success of the pub transactions overall, not
16:41:05	6	this specific one?
16:41:07	7	Q. Yes.
16:41:08	8	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:41:14	9	A. Some of the things that contributed to the success
16:41:17	10	of the pub transactions is buying the pubs at a time when
16:41:25	11	pubs were basically being run as distribution outlets of
16:41:31	12	breweries and weren't recognized as a business in their own
16:41:35	13	right. And putting pub companies together, sharing best
16:41:41	14	practices across the pub companies, developing an industry
16:41:45	15	leading lease model for the tenants, being able to work with
16:41:50	16	the financing markets to get them to understand the
16:41:53	17	underlying dynamics of a tenanted pub business as
16:41:58	18	differentiated from a distribution arm of a brewery are some
16:42:05	19	of the factors that I believe contributed to the success of
16:42:08	20	those investments.
16:42:11	21	Q. The next one is Annington Homes. Do you know what
16:42:13	22	the Annington Homes transaction is?
16:42:16	23	A. Annington Homes is a portfolio of residential
16:42:20	24	properties in the UK.
16:42:24	25	Q. Do you know whether that portfolio was acquired in

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16:42:29	1	an auction situation?
16:42:33	2	A. That portfolio was acquired from the government.
16:42:38	3	Q. Were there multiple bidders for the portfolio?
16:42:45	4	A. I don't remember I wasn't here when that
16:42:47	5	transaction was done.
16:42:50	6	Q. Do you know whether that was a profitable
16:42:51	7	transaction for Terra Firma Capital Partners 1?
16:42:58	8	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:42:58	9	A. It's only partially realized, but it has been
16:43:01	10	profitable.
16:43:01	11	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:43:02	12	Q. What are some of the factors that made that a
16:43:04	13	profitable transaction?
16:43:07	14	A. Some of the factors so far that have made that a
16:43:10	15	profitable transaction is recognizing well is building
16:43:21	16	working with the management team to build a well-run
16:43:29	17	business that can manage a vast portfolio of properties as
16:43:35	18	efficiently as possible. There are also market factors in
16:43:39	19	that house price inflation ended up being higher than
16:43:43	20	expected.
16:43:49	21	Q. By that you mean as house prices rose that made the
16:43:52	22	asset that Terra Firma had acquired more valuable?
16:43:56	23	A. Yes, because it was a portfolio of houses.
16:44:08	24	Q. And that was something that was not anticipated at
16:44:11	25	the time of the acquisition; is that correct?

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16:44:18	2 expectation.
16:44:18	Q. So sometimes you would agree the return on
16:44:21	4 investment depends in part on luck?
16:44:25	5 MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:44:27	6 A. Yes, of course.
16:44:32	7 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:44:32	Q. The next one here is Infinis. What was the Infinis
16:44:36	9 transaction?
16:44:37 1	O A. Infinis is actually a business that was created out
16:44:39 1	of the acquisition of the waste recycling group. The waste
16:44:44 1	2 recycling group was a portfolio of landfill sites and
16:44:47 1	3 Infinis is the landfill gas business that was created out of
16:44:51 1	4 the waste recycling group.
16:44:55 1	Q. So it was created by Terra Firma after acquiring
16:44:59 1	6 some other assets. Do I understand correctly?
16:45:02 1	7 A. That's correct, Infinis was a company that was
16:45:04 1	8 created by Terra Firma.
16:45:07 1	9 Q. And has the Infinis transaction been a successful
16:45:10 2	O one?
16:45:10 2	1 MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:45:15 2	A. We still own Infinis, but it is likely to be a
16:45:18 2	3 successful one given that it was a company that was created.
16:45:44 2	4 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:45:44 2	Q. The next one is you've got to go two pages.

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16:45:49	1	It's Ode	on/UCI. What's that transaction?		
16:45:55	2	Α.	That's two cinema chains.		
16:45:58	3	Q.	Were they purchased together or separately?		
16:46:01	4	Α.	They were two separate transactions that were		
16:46:03	5	done	that were agreed to be done on the same day.		
16:46:11	6	Q.	Was the acquisition of Odeon an auction situation?		
16:46:22	7	A.	I'm not entirely sure, but I believe so.		
16:46:24	8	Q.	How many companies submitted bids for Odeon?		
16:46:28	9	Α.	I have no idea.		
16:46:29	10	Q.	Who were the competitors?		
16:46:30	11	A.	I have no idea.		
16:46:32	12	Q.	UCI, was that an auction situation?		
16:46:39	13	Α.	I don't know.		
16:46:40	14	Q.	Have Odeon and UCI been combined into a single		
16:46:47	15	company?			
16:46:48	16	Α.	They have subsequently been combined, yes.		
16:46:50	17	Q.	And that was done by Terra Firma?		
16:46:53	18	Α.	Yes.		
16:46:54	19	Q.	Has the Odeon/UCI transaction been a successful		
16:46:57	20	transact	ion?		
16:46:57	21	Α.	Well we still own that transaction. We still own		
16:47:00	22	that bus	iness.		
16:47:03	23	Q.	And what is your understanding of the expectation		
16:47:05	24	as to wh	ether that will be successful or not?		
16:47:08	25	A.	My expectation is that we will make a return on		

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16:47:10 1	that investment, yes.
16:47:11 2	Q. And what is your understanding of some of the
16:47:13 3	factors that will lead Terra Firma to make a return on that
16:47:17 4	investment?
16:47:19 5	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:47:22 6	A. Some of the factors involved in what will
16:47:26 7	ultimately make that a successful transaction or not will be
16:47:30 8	what the market conditions and pricing for those sorts of
16:47:33 9	assets are at the time that we sell that company compared to
16:47:37 10	what they were at the time that we acquired those
16:47:39 11	businesses.
16:47:45 12	BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
16:47:45 13	Q. That's in the cinema market?
16:47:47 14	A. In the market for a cinema or other assets that a
16:47:49 15	potential buyer would consider to be similar to cinemas.
16:47:55 16	Q. Would you consider a music business to be similar
16:47:58 17	to cinemas?
16:48:05 18	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.
16:48:05 19	A. You've asked a number of times about whether these
16:48:08 20	various businesses are similar to each other or similar to
16:48:15 21	the music business and I would say as a response to that
16:48:17 22	that they are in different many of them are in different
16:48:18 23	industries, but there are some underlying characteristics
16:48:20 24	which is why Terra Firma has invested in these particular
16:48:23 25	businesses as opposed to other businesses.

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16:48:26	1	Q. What are those underlying characteristics?				
16:48:29	2	A. Well, some of the trades that we typically look for				
16:48:33	3	in an investment are businesses that have strong asset				
16:48:37	4	backing but also quite substantial opportunities for				
16:48:41	5	improvements in the underlying businesses.				
16:48:52	6	Q. BGCL, what was that transaction?				
16:48:56	7	MR. SHERMAN: Objection.				
16:49:07	8	A. It doesn't actually have any numbers against it.				
16:49:09	9	Q. That was my next question.				
16:49:16	10	A. I'm not exactly sure, but my understanding is that				
16:49:22	11	BGCL and ESH, which is East Surrey Holdings, were together a				
16:49:28	12	group of utilities that were acquired which the only				
16:49:31	13	business which we still own today from that transaction, if				
16:49:34	14	my understanding is correct, is Phoenix natural gas.				
16:49:40	15	Q. Do you have an understanding of whether or not or				
16:49:43	16	an expectation as to whether or not the Phoenix natural gas				
16:49:46	17	transaction will be a successful transaction?				
16:49:50	18	A. My current expectation would be yes.				
16:49:53	19	Q. And are there any factors you can identify that you				
16:49:57	20	believe will contribute to the success of the Phoenix				
16:49:59	21	natural gas transaction?				
16:50:00	22	A. Again, part of it will depend on what the market is				
16:50:05	23	for that asset at the time of disposal versus what it was at				
16:50:09	24	the time of acquisition. Specific to that business one of				
16:50:14	25	the things that might impact the success of that business is				

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16:50:17 1	the growth of the natural gas market in Northern Ireland.
16:50:26 2	Q. Have you ever heard of a woman named
16:50:28 3	Marianne DeMario?
16:50:32 4	A. Could you repeat that please?
16:50:33 5	Q. Marianne DeMario?
16:50:36 6	A. I can't recall that name right now.
16:50:38 7	Q. Don't recall ever meeting anyone named
16:50:40 8	Marianne DeMario?
16:50:42 9	A. I cannot recall that name right now.
16:50:47 10	MR. BAUGHMAN: Why don't we take a break. Give me
16:50:49 11	five minutes and then we may be done.
16:50:53 12	MR. SHERMAN: Can you give me the Bates number
16:50:55 13	again for the thing you just went through?
16:50:59 14	MR. BAUGHMAN: 635801.
16:51:02 15	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The time
16:51:03 16	is 16:51.
16:51:07 17	(Break taken.)
16:57:25 18	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on the record. The
16:57:27 19	time is 16:57.
16:57:31 20	MR. BAUGHMAN: Ms. Dolenec, I don't have any
16:57:32 21	further questions for you. Thank you very much for your
16:57:34 22	patience and your time.
16:57:37 23	MR. SHERMAN: Thank you.
16:57:39 24	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The time
16:57:41 25	is 16:57. End of tape 4, Volume I. This is the end of the

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